

AMENDMENT TO THE ABSTRACT

Please replace the Abstract of the Disclosure with the following marked-up paragraph:

-- ~~The present invention relates to a utilization~~ A utilization method and system within a communication network ~~comprising~~ comprises at least one service provider ~~(36; 38)~~ and at least one service consumer ~~(32)~~. In particular, ~~the invention relates to a~~ there is license contract ~~validation~~ method and system for validating web services during runtime. At least one parameter ~~(CEP, CFP)~~ is provided to define, if and how many meter event requests associated with service requests may be stored in a cache memory ~~(70)~~. The parameter ~~(CEP, CFP)~~ is predefined and may be contained in the license contract, ~~for example~~. Further, a counter may be provided for counting the service requests. The actual status of the counter is sent to the service consumer ~~(32)~~ and/or the service provider ~~(36; 38)~~.

~~(Fig. 1)~~ --